



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

August 1, 2007

H.R. 2843 **Library of Congress Public Diplomacy Collection Act of 2007**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Foreign Affairs
on June 26, 2007*

H.R. 2843 would authorize the Library of Congress to create media collections for public use at certain U.S. embassies and consulates to provide insight into U.S. culture, principles and values, law and civics, and democracy. The bill would authorize the appropriation of such sums as may be necessary for that purpose. The bill also would allow the Library of Congress to receive donations of materials. In addition, the bill would require the Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy to provide biennial reports to the Congress on the activities authorized by H.R. 2843.

CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 2843 would cost less than \$1 million over the 2008-2012 period, assuming the availability of appropriated funds. Enacting the bill would not affect direct spending or receipts.

H.R. 2843 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

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